

**MINUTES OF  
THE SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
1:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023  
VIA ZOOM;  
SEAGO MAIN OFFICE; MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
1403 WEST HIGHWAY 92, BISBEE, AZ 85603**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Budge, Ken – City of Bisbee (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair) **(In-Person)**  
Gomez, David – Greenlee County (Chair) **(In-Person)**  
Maldonado, Jorge – City of Nogales (Treasurer) **(In-Person)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ahmann, Stephen – Greenlee County Private Sector Representative **(Zoom)**  
Barlow, Bill – City of Tombstone **(In-Person)**  
Budd, David – Santa Cruz County Private Sector Representative **(Zoom)**  
David, Paul – Graham County **(In-Person)**  
English, Ann – Cochise County **(In-Person)**  
Floyd, Heather – Cochise County Private Sector Representative **(Zoom)**  
Lopez, Edmund – Graham County Private Sector Representative **(In-Person)**  
Umphrey, Carolyn – City of Sierra Vista **(In-Person)**  
Valle, Daniel – Cochise County Private Sector Representative **(Zoom)**

STAFF PRESENT: Heiss, Randy – Executive Director **(Zoom)**

GUESTS (Candidates): Gary Edwards – 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. **(In-Person)**  
Keith Dennis – 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **(In-Person)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Chair Gomez** called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Chairman Gomez noted those present, and a quorum was established.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** the SEAGO Executive Board may, by a majority vote of its members constituting a quorum, adjourn to executive session to conduct interviews and for consideration of the employment of candidates for the position of SEAGO Executive Director pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-432.03 (A)(1).

Chair Gomez called for a motion to adjourn to executive session.

**MOTION:** Ann English  
**SECOND:** Bill Barlow  
**ACTION:** Unanimous

Executive session convened at 1:09 p.m.

**3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Chair Gomez reconvened the meeting to public session at 3:36 p.m.

**4. POSSIBLE INTERVIEW(S) DISCUSSION, AND CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF ANY CANDIDATES WHO REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT BE HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION**

No candidates requested their interview be conducted in public session so no action was needed or requested under this item.

## **5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF RELATING TO THE SELECTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEXT SEAGO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Chair Gomez** called for a motion. Supervisor Ann English moved to hire Mr. Gary Edwards for the position of Executive Director.

**MOTION:** Ann English  
**SECOND:** Paul David  
**ACTION:** **Motion tied** with a vote of six (6) ayes (Stephen Ahmann, Ken Budge, Ann English, Edmund Lopez, Jorge Maldonado and Carolyn Umphrey), and six (6) nays (Bill Barlow, David Budd, Paul David, Heather Floyd, David Gomez and Daniel Valle).

**Chair Gomez** called for a motion. Mayor Ken Budge moved to hire Mr. Keith Dennis for the position of Executive Director.

**MOTION:** Ken Budge  
**SECOND:** Bill Barlow  
**ACTION:** **Motion passed** with a vote of eight (8) ayes (Bill Barlow, Ken Budge, David Budd, Paul David, Heather Floyd, David Gomez, Edmund Lopez and Daniel Valle), and four (4) nays. (Stephen Ahmann, Ann English, Jorge Maldonado and Carolyn Umphrey).

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Gomez** adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.